

Tree For Tree
a comedy sketch idea suggestion
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In a meeting behind closed doors at The White House, Scott **PRUITT** is trying extremely hard to talk his way out of Trump's new secret assignment for him, **TRUMP** insisting he is making good on his promise to get him a position if booted from the EPA.

Transition to a section of woods in which actual **TREES** are holding a secret meeting to literally save the Earth from Trump. Among the **TREES** is **PRUITT** disguised as a tree.

TREE #1

As you trees know, things have become more serious than ever before in the history of the planet. So serious that we trees have chosen to go against the sacred oath we took at the very Creation of The Earth, to never ever actually talk.

TREE #2

And especially never to talk about politics.

TREE #1

Yes, up until now, we have always been able to avoid looking directly out at the world, and saying out loud, there is something that, unmistakably, must get done, it has to get done, no games, or the world ends. Or the world ends!!!

TREE #3

Yes, we never wanted to break down this fourth wall, and say to the world, as trees, you have an obligation to heed us on this, no comedy, just, get it done or the world ends.

TREE #4

We didn't want to be doing this, out loud.

TREE #5

We have always avoided this. But we have to.

PRUITT

Not really though. We don't actually have to.

TREE #1

What?????!!! Which one of you actually had the nerve to say that??? I see, now you're quiet. The world could end and you say that?

TREE #6

Let's try not to lose it.

TREE #1

Sorry.

TREE #7

In our last meeting we agreed that, when humans who are Republicans are in office, they always vote against what needs to be done regarding manmade climate change, against what **MUST** be done in order to keep the entire world from ending. They are each and every one in lockstep when they vote as elected officials, no matter what they express as their own beliefs, and they vote down doing what needs to be done to keep the world from ending. This is why we must go against our ancient oath, and speak directly.

TREE #3

We will receive a lot of criticism, being trees and speaking so directly, breaking down the fourth wall and all.

PRUITT

Or – we could all just stand here like trees. Let's do that, let's stand here and do nothing. We really have no right to speak directly to people. I mean, in what way does the world ending from manmade climate change really affect us, right? Not much, I mean, c'mon, we have to be about business as usual in any circumstance, and know our place, which is to do nothing, even if the world is going to end.

TREE #1

I swear I am going to find out which tree is talking this down and kill him. This is beyond everything.

The End